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## BOOK REVIEWS



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**THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF BANDAGING.** By Gwiliam G. Davis, M.D., Universities of Pennsylvania and Gottingen; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Pennsylvania. P. Blakiston's Sons & Co., 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia. Price, \$1.00.

This volume is based on a previous book by the same author which has, however, been entirely rewritten so that it is practically a new book. The illustrations are also entirely new, and they form the most important feature of the book, which may be said to consist of illustrations copiously noted. It is divided into three parts: First, the roller bandage, its preparation and application in seventy-five ways; second, the tailed bandages or slings applied to the head, the trunk, and to extremities in some twenty different examples; and third, the handkerchief bandage applied to eight different parts of the body in twenty-four methods. The preface claims that there is little change in the art of bandaging since the ancient times. The old writers, particularly Galen, describe most intricate bandages winding in many unusual directions. Almost every newly invented turn can be found in the bandages of the ancients. Their bandages were too complex, while we on our hand are apt to be ignorant of their proper construction and careless in their application. This carelessness Dr. Davis attributes to the use of gauze in the manufacture of bandages in part. He deplores the slipshod methods of surgeons who "wind them aimlessly around a part without the faintest idea of order or sequence."

**MERCK'S MANUAL OF MATERIA MEDICA.** Merck and Co., St. Louis and New York. Fourth edition.

A ready reference pocket book for the physician and surgeon. Compiled from recent authoritative sources and published by Merck and

Company, containing a *Materia Medica* as in actual use to-day; Therapeutic Formulas for the use of *Materia Medica*; Classification of Medicaments, and a Miscellany including useful hints and reminders for every-day applicability.

**DISEASES OF THE EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT.** By Henry Ottridge Reik, M.D., Associate in Ophthalmology and Otology in the Johns Hopkins University, and Surgeon in the Baltimore Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Baltimore. Assisted by A. J. Neilson Reik, M.D., Surgeon in the Baltimore Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Baltimore, Md. D. Appleton and Company, New York and London. Price, \$2.50.

This book is written to serve two separate purposes: to assist the family physician in diagnosis and treatment, and to determine the extent to which he is justified in carrying the case before calling in expert advice or aid; and at the same time the book is so arranged that each chapter may be used as a complete lecture, the whole forming an admirable text-book for the use of students in the branches of which the book treats. Beginning with the anatomy and physiology of the ear, it continues with the methods of examination, the symptomology of ear diseases, etiology, pathology, prognosis and treatment. The general diseases in which aural complications are most liable to occur receive especial attention; taking up those diseases in which aural lesions are noted, it considers such as are most liable to occur, the part of the organ affected, and also the relative frequency of such complications and the possibility for diminishing the seriousness of such, by anticipatory treatment.

In the same manner the diseases of the nose and throat receive attention. The illustrations, of which there are 343, are of the greatest value in demonstrating the topics of the book.

The authors' preface states that as a teacher Dr. Reik found much difficulty in adjusting the relatively proper time to the subjects embraced in the curriculum; and he claims that in this work he has so condensed his instruction as to give the greatest possible amount of teaching in a given time—"Each chapter may be used as a single lesson or lecture, each chapter being of suitable length to permit, well within the hour, accompanying demonstrations of clinical material to the class or group." In his advice to the family physician he says that the practitioner "should be able to recognize the existence of a cataract, know the signs of mastoiditis and indications for operative intervention, be competent to diagnose most of the diseases of the ear, nose, and throat,